

## RUNNER SHOWS HIS PLUCK IN RELAY RACE

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Just enough energy to nose out his red-skin opponent at the tape. The Indian made a bold effort and deserved considerable credit for his race up the stretch.

Sam Bigbear, the sensational Indian, apparently underestimated the strength of another of "Pop" Lammigan's underlings in the finals of the 600-yard novice event. Mason, of Virginia, took the lead at the start, as he had in his heat, and spurted at the finish, winning by a couple of yards. Bigbear laid back until the last lap, but was unable to pick up enough strength to overtake the Orange and Blue entrant, Dufferin, of Central Young Men's Christian Association, finished third.

Technical and Western High, of this city, entered teams against Gillman Country School, of Baltimore, in a special 1,200-yard relay race. The Baltimoreans won with a margin to spare in 2 minutes 27 1/2 seconds.

50-yard novice—Won by Brewer, Western High School, second, Diggs, Yale, third, McNeale, unattached. Time, 1:15 seconds.

50-yard hurdle, open—Won by Eller, Georgetown, scratch, second, Voshell, Johns Hopkins, 8 feet, third, Allison, Baltimore Central Y. M. C. A., 8 feet, fourth, Coons, Yale. Time, 6:1-8 seconds.

1-mile relay race—Won by Baltimore Central Y. M. C. A. (Brown, Brockman, Everett, Thayer), second, Washington Athletic Association, Time, 3 minutes 55 1/2 seconds.

300-yard relay—Won by Richmond Blues (McKee, Strother, Vaughn, Word), second, Fifth Regiment, Time, 3 minutes 52 1/2 seconds.

1,200-yard relay—Won by Georgetown Juniors (Hollander, O'Brien, Swenson, Foley), second, Georgetown Seniors, Time, 3 minutes 25 seconds.

Scholastic relay race—Won by Briarley Hall Military Academy (Braner, Jones, Jeffcoat, Thompson), second, Western High School, Time, 2 minutes 34 1/2 seconds.

High jump, S. W. A. U. championship—Won by Low, Georgetown; second, Horrax, Johns Hopkins; third, Connolly, Johns Hopkins. Height, 6 feet 10 inches.

Two-mile relay race—Won by North Carolina (E. Patterson, S. Patterson, Spence, Whiting), second, Carlisle Indian School, Time, 8 minutes 47 seconds.

600-yard dash novice—Won by Mason, Virginia, second, Bigbear, Carlisle, third, Dufferin, Baltimore Central Y. M. C. A. Time, 1 minute 27 seconds.

1,200-yard relay race—Won by Gillman Country School Reserves (Boone, Robinson, Denham, Slagle), second, Western High School, Time, 3 minutes 52 1/2 seconds.

440-yard scholastic dash—Won by Kelly, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, second, Pyle, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (4 feet), Brady, Central High School, Time, 55 3/5 seconds.

One mile relay race—Won by Maryland Agricultural College (Loomis, Knobe, Huff, Grace), second, Western Maryland, Time, 4 minutes 1 second.

One mile relay race—Won by Richmond College (O'Neil, Tillery, Wilson, Rummie), second, Maryland Agricultural College, Time, 4 minutes 15 seconds.

1,200-yard relay race—Won by Baltimore Central Y. M. C. A. (Frank, From, Brown, Time), second, Washington Athletic Association, Time, 2 minutes 30 3/5 seconds.

300-yard invitation hurdles—Won by Eller, Georgetown; second, Horrax, Johns Hopkins, third, McDonough, Baltimore Cross Country Club, Time, 6:2-5 seconds.

1,200-yard relay race—Won by Baltimore Cross Country Club (Payne, Newman, Galloway, Allison), second, Trenton Athletic Club, Time, 2 minutes 28 seconds.

440 yards open handicap—Won by Bates, Georgetown, 15 feet; second, Everett, Baltimore Central Y. M. C. A.

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## JINX FOLLOWING SPIDERS STILL

Harry Griffin Laid Up With Mumps, but Men Are Working Hard.

The hard-luck jinx seems determined to stay in the Spider camp. Not content with sending bad weather, so that the boys would again have to work the stiffness out of their muscles after the enforced idleness, Dame Fortune has played another card and sent Coach Harry Griffin to bed with a bad case of mumps.

But Captain Beale, the little chap who put up a stirring game at short stop last season for the Spiders, is far from being disconsolate. He is confident that, with the assistance of some of the local alumni who have volunteered their services, he will be able to give the squad good stiff practice until Coach Griffin is again able to be out.

With the nucleus of Captain Beale, Lewis, Anarrow and Wiley, all of whom batted around the 300 mark last year, to build a team upon, the prospects for a heavy hitting team is exceedingly bright.

In the batting practice so far the team seemed to be getting their eye on the ball in a way which should speed their progress. The coach, especially wants a good hitting outfield; men who can be relied upon to dig up hits when needed, rather than those who show up in flashes.

Among the new men who have been meeting the ball squarely with good effect are K. Lewis, who played under Coach Griffin at Port Union last year; Harbison, who caught for McGuire's University School last year, and all three of the promising pitchers—Flanagan, Dixon and Hulcher—who have been laying the willow on the mound in the Times-Dispatch that they were able men to use in the outfield when not working in the box.

Luck, an outfielder from Randolph Academy at Bedford City, with a little coaching, should develop into a good batter; Jones, one of four left-handed hitters on the squad, has a good swing and shows signs of promise.

The two weak spots on last year's team, the pitching and catching departments, have the appearance of being changed to the strongest. Although the pitchers have been made to take it easy, from their records Coach Griffin has no fear as to his flingers, and with the veteran, Joe Snead, Griffin's batting mate in the game, when the Spiders held Yale to a 2 to 0 score, back in uniform, there is little doubt to the Spider maskmen.

There are three or more applicants for every position in the infield, and the old men will have to hustle to hold their jobs.

Miller, who played center field for the Spiders in 1910, is back in college, but will have to fight it out with the other fifteen applicants as to who the third baseman will be.

The squad will begin practice again Monday and will in all likelihood be cut down to twenty-five or thirty men during the week, so as the men can be given more individual attention.

## Sheppard Breaks Record.

Kansas City, Mo., March 1.—Melvin Sheppard broke the indoor Kansas City record for the half-mile at Convention Hall to-night. The great middle-distance runner was in splendid form and drew away from Porter Craig in the last lap, winning easily. Sheppard covered the 890 yards in 1 minute 55 seconds.

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## BILLIARDS

BY J. L. MALONE.

A great many followers of the gentleman's game were disappointed when they learned that the exhibition match at ball-line billiards between Hopp and Klein, scheduled for the Jefferson auditorium, was declined off. The hall was booked for a political convention during the week that the experts could make this city the reason for having the match. The one announcement in The Times-Dispatch that they were to appear here created quite a stir among the amateurs.

Billiards is a great game, and the public would show enough interest in the proposed match to have them return in the fall.

The recent successful tournament that was held at the new Superior is an incentive for any promoter to have at least one or more professional tournaments during the year.

There are some who will argue that enough interest is being shown, but that is only by those who are engaged in competition. The fact is that what is most needed is to attract outsiders to the game. Those who are playing billiards are, as a rule, interested because their abilities are more for those who do not take part in contests or friendly games. Get these people to see more tournaments, educate them to the meaning and value of each play, and they will in time take an interest in the game and ask for more professional contests to be played in Richmond.

The writer witnessed several match games of pocket billiards between local amateurs at the Newport Billiard Parlor. They played under the new rules, leaving the ball on object ball on the table. That is proof that a new game has its advantages, as it does under the old rules. The new game is more interesting, and it makes the game more spectacular. It also proves that the amateurs follow the experts, and very often improve on their style of play.

During the professional billiard tournament, held in New York City the early part of this winter, several of the amateur rules were adopted by the contestants. In particular that is an improvement on the professional rules that the referee calls a foul instead of the player, and the balls are frozen the referee separates them, thus enabling the player to draw off either ball.

"TRUST" OPERATES IN MANY CITIES

Evidence Leads to Belief Firebugs Have Been Widely Organized.

New York, March 1.—The "arson trust," disclosed by confessions of incendiaries here and a "trust" of similar character in Chicago, are, in the belief of Federal authorities, strong links in a chain of firebug gangs that have been operating in cities throughout the country.

Insurance companies in many States are said to have been defrauded of millions of dollars annually. Insurance adjusters and men paid to apply the torch are alleged to have worked systematically to swindle companies. This condition of affairs, laid bare by the recent disclosures, it is stated, has led to a nationwide inquiry by the government.

One of the accused leaders of the Chicago trust, John Davies, is a prisoner in the Tombs here to-night. A Chicago assistant prosecuting attorney who took part in the man's arrest is on his way to that city, where extradition papers will be sought. Meanwhile, the local authorities are at work on clues furnished in a confession of Robert J. Rubin, an insurance adjuster recently convicted of arson.

Corroboration of Rubin's story, it found, together with information obtained from other sources, is expected to supply basis for indictments that will add a dozen or more prisoners to the score already facing trial as alleged members of the local "arson trust." Some of this information, it is intimated, points to the existence of an interstate traffic in arson.

Benjamin Goldstein, a fire adjuster, was arrested at his home to-night charged with arson. The fire marshal said the arrest was made as the result of disclosures by "Jazz," the Painter, the Sing Sing convict, who has confessed Goldstein refused to make any statement.

Known as Firebug.  
Chicago, March 1.—John Davies, arrested to-day in New York, was here after Samuel Tothenberg had confessed to his own part in the works of the "arson ring." Tothenberg told a State's attorney that Davies, who is known as the "Captain of Firebrand," and "Davis," had either started hundreds of fires or superintended their starting.

Taking High Note Kills Singer.  
Greenwich, Conn., March 1.—Miss Lulu Hubbard, a contralto soloist, who burst an artery while singing at the Stamford Methodist Church recently, died to-day. The time of the injury Miss Hubbard was vocalizing a high note.

## WIDE INFLUENCE MAY BE WIELDED BY "FIRST LADY"

Wonderful Opportunity Is Presented to Wife of President.

BY FLORA WILSON.

Daughter of Secretary James Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture.

Washington, March 1.—It has been my privilege, and pleasure to have been identified with Cabinet circles during sixteen years, when three gracious ladies were White House hostesses. The social regime just closing has been brilliant and filled with repeated functions, delightful to capital society. Mrs. Taft has been untiring in her efforts to entertain.

Without attempting criticism, it would be unnecessary to compare the three White House chaperones as I have known them. They varied in intelligence, education and charm quite as much as any trio of ladies in simpler walks of life may suffer in comparison with broader mind, more sensible and more clever members of their sex.

Not Her Highest Ideal.  
Regarding the duties and policy of the First Lady of the Land, I believe that her highest ideal should not be attempts at record-breaking conquests in the social calendar, on the contrary, the type of woman all America delights to honor is the woman of sympathy and devotion to her family, an exemplar in her exalted position.

If a President's wife fails to grasp the situation—seeking only to wine and dine Washington society—she has missed a great opportunity. We need only recall the days of Martha Washington, her precepts, her rigid rule. The admirable way in which Harriet Lane Johnson graced the White House, the bravery of Mrs. Hayes in banishing the "blue" from the White House, the assiduous attention of Mrs. Harrison to the interests, the lovely character of Mrs. Cleveland, reflected as it was in a face spiritual, God-given, the sweet sympathy, Mrs. McKinley was a fact known to 35,000,000 of Americans.

And the dignity surrounding all affairs with which she and her President were connected; the great, good mother Mrs. Roosevelt, the aristocratic bearing, the dignified entertaining, the example and lesson she gave.

In this day of discussion of equal suffrage, the President's wife could wield great influence. I would but voice the sentiments of all American women if I suggested that for once we should have a chaperone of the White House noted for her great efforts to aid humanity.

The present day is seething with new subjects for women. We need not revert to Plato's "Republic" for arguments for or against their advancement; we need not adhere to early ideas regarding flying through the air. The day as we see it must be met, the problems confronting us solved through continued application and sustained effort.

How wonderful if Y. W. C. A. work could receive greater impetus through the interests of a President's daughter! Think of another daughter, an artist of note, using her influence to establish a national gallery and redeem America from the sneers of art connoisseurs.

And imagine still further the name Mrs. Wilson could make for herself if she chose to champion the cause of the working girl or sought to put down the white slave traffic—the menace of great cities, the curse of our nation. I am told Mrs. Wilson has been a worker along the line mentioned, but will she continue when she reaches the White House, or will she try a record-breaking campaign in society and fencing?

FATHER REFUSES TO HELP HIS SON

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
New Haven, Conn., March 1.—From a luxurious apartment in the Hotel Taft to a prison cell was the fate of Joseph J. Willis, twenty years old, today. He is a son of a millionaire brewer of Scranton, Pa. He came to the Hotel Taft last week to visit some Yale friends and ran his check yesterday for \$100. It proved worthless, and Willis was promptly arrested and taken to jail. Manager Merry, of the Hotel Taft, appealed to Willis's father, who is president of the Eureka Brewing Company. The father refused to interfere, leaving his son in the lock-up without bail. Willis was bound over to-day in the City Court until next Monday. Then Judge Hoyt thinks his father will have cooled off and will pay the boy's bills.

WELSH VICTIMS OF HOAX

Cardiff, Wales, March 1.—The Welsh military authorities were the victims to-day of a hoax similar to that which recently caused the entire German garrison of Strassburg to assemble for inspection by the Emperor. William, whose approach was announced by a practical joker.

Military and police officials received apparently authoritative instructions to begin the mobilization of the territorial troops on a war footing. Whistles and billboards were promptly placarded with the mobilization order and telegrams were sent to all territorial soldiers residing in outlying districts. The arrangements for billeting the men in the town were well under way before the hoax was discovered.

NATIONAL BANK RESERVES ARE SHOWING IMPROVEMENT.

Washington, March 1.—Reserves of the 725 national banks showed a marked improvement on February 4, as compared with the stringent period of November, but were not as great, however, as in February of last year, according to returns to the Comptroller of the Currency.

The total resources and liabilities of the national banks on February 4 were \$115,599,265. The condition of loans, cash and deposits on February 4 as compared with November 26 last was as follows in the Southern States: Decrease in loans, \$1,943,590, and gains in cash, \$798,175, and deposits, \$6,205,475.

## DOES NOT INDORSE EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Cardinal Gibbons Denies That Hikers Reminded Him of Joan of Arc.

MADE NO SUCH STATEMENT

Refers to Recent Visit as "Noisy, Clamorous and Spectacular."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Baltimore, Md., March 1.—"Noisy, clamorous and spectacular" were the terms used by Cardinal Gibbons in describing the recent visit of the hiking suffragists to this city. He was speaking before the Women's Auxiliary of the St. Raphael Institute here.

Members of the auxiliary are engaged in the task of providing clothing for poor children. After an entertainment by the children the cardinal let it be known that he wanted to say a few words.

"I wish to say a few words of noble and modest women who have devoted their lives to the sisterhood and the service and uplift of the poor," said the cardinal. "I hope we have some women, women who know their place."

"Then look at the other picture in contrast. On one hand we see great good accomplished in a quiet, modest way. On the other we see the noisy, clamorous and spectacular way of other women, and as an example of this I point to the hikers who were among you a few days ago."

In Much Annoyed.  
When seen at his home, the cardinal added that he had been much annoyed by the reports that in receiving the hikers he had indorsed their cause.

"I am not in favor of suffrage now, nor was I when I received the hikers," said the prelate. "I did not say on any occasion that they reminded me of Joan of Arc, nor did I compare their sacrifices with that of the noble woman of France."

"It seems that they have let it be understood that I urged the national Congress to hear their plea. I said nothing of the kind. I did say that if the national Congress should give them a hearing, with a decided accent on the 'if.' Press reports seem to have left out the 'if.'"

"Do you think the hiking method has aided the cause of woman suffrage?" was asked.

"Oh, I am sure it has not," replied the cardinal.

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